

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION I**

Date of Notice: October 19, 2007

Public Notice Number: PN2007-0022

Comment Period: October 22, 2007 - November 20, 2007

Action: Notice of Proposed Assessment of Class II Clean Water Act Section 311(b)(6) Administrative Penalty and Opportunity to Comment

Under Section 311(b)(6)(B)(ii) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C.

§ 1321(b)(6)(B)(ii), EPA is authorized to assess a civil penalty after providing the person subject to the penalty notice of the proposed penalty and the opportunity for a hearing, and after providing interested persons public notice of the proposed penalty and a reasonable opportunity to comment on its issuance. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 19 (Adjustments of Civil Penalties for Inflation) promulgated pursuant to the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C.

§ 3701, in a Class II proceeding under 311(b)(6)(B)(ii), the maximum civil penalties that may be administratively assessed have been increased as follows: For violations occurring between January 31, 1997 and March 14, 2004, up to \$11,000 per violation per day for each day during which the violation continues, up to a maximum of \$137,500; and, for violations occurring on or after March 15, 2004, up to \$11,000 per violation per day for each day during which the violation continues, up to a maximum of \$157,500. Class II proceedings are conducted in accordance with the "Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties, Issuance of Compliance or Corrective Action Orders, and the Revocation, Termination or Suspension of Permits," at 40 C.F.R. Part 22 ("Part 22").

The procedures by which the public may submit written comments on a proposed Class II penalty order or participate in a Class II penalty proceeding are set forth in Part 22. The deadline for submitting public comment on a proposed Class II penalty order is thirty (30) days after issuance of public notice.

Pursuant to Section 311(b)(6)(B)(ii), EPA is providing public notice of the following proposed Class II administrative penalty assessment:

Name and Mailing Address of Respondent:

Rice Oil Co., Inc.
34 Montague City Road
Greenfield, MA 01302-1497

Name and Address of Facilities or Sites Addressed by Consent Agreement and Final Order:

- 334 Chapman Street, Greenfield, MA
- 34 Montague City Road, Greenfield, MA
- Rogers Avenue, Orange, MA
- 29 Conway Street, Buckland (Shelburn Falls Village), MA
- Main Street, Readsboro, VT

Description of Business or Activity Conducted by the Respondent: Oil storage and distribution

Description of Violations Alleged in Complaint: Failure to prepare, maintain and/or fully implement Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) plans at the facilities described above in violation of the Oil Pollution Prevention regulations issued pursuant to Section 311(j) of the CWA.

Proposed Penalty: \$157,500

Name of Case: In the Matter of Rice Oil Company, Inc.

Docket Number: CWA-01-2007-0119

Date Filed with Regional Hearing Clerk: TBD

Name, Mailing Address, and Telephone Number of Regional Hearing Clerk:
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Persons wishing to receive a copy of Part 22, review the consent agreement and final order or other documents filed by the parties in this proceeding, comment upon the proposed penalty assessment, or participate in any hearing that may be held, should contact the Regional Hearing Clerk identified above. Unless otherwise noted, the public record for the proceeding is located in the EPA Regional Office at One Congress Street, Boston, Massachusetts, and the file will be open for public inspection during normal business hours.

Because this matter involves a CWA Section 311(B)(6)(B)(ii) proceeding which is proposed to be simultaneously commenced and settled under 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b), this matter will not be resolved or settled until 10 days after the close of the public comment period in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.45(b).